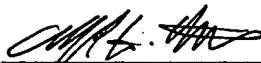
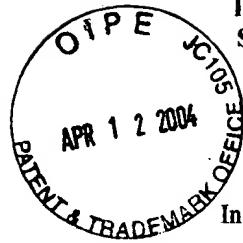


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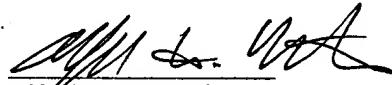
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Sir:

In respect of the Notice of Allowance mailed 15 January, 2004, please add new claims 23-36 as indicated in appendix A. Note that new claims 23-36 are all directly dependent on allowed claim 20, and as such should be allowable and not require further searching. The status of all of the claims is indicated in Appendix A. No new matter has been added. It is therefore requested that this amendment be entered and the case passed to issue. As the number of independent claims is less than 3 and the total number of claims is less than 20, no fee should be required for this amendment. If this is in error, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge these fees to USPTO Deposit Account number 501231.

Respectfully Submitted,

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